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## THE EVERGLADES NEWS

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## GOOD BANKERS

Florida has good bankers, exceptionally good bankers. This is brought to the attention of the public by the experiences of the past two years. Money in large amounts is brought into Florida every winter by the tourists and deposited in the banks. The real estate boom caused still heavier deposits to be made in Florida banks. There was strong temptation to the bankers to let out the tourists' and speculators' deposited money on long-term local loans but this temptation was resisted and when the tourists left and asked for their money they got it. When the real estate speculators got ready to clean up and leave the state they got their money. That is a highly creditable record and one that should be noted. It shows that Florida bankers know how to deal with seasonal conditions.

Some Florida banks have closed recently. In every case they were banks that dealt with an Atlanta, Ga., institution that had done business successfully for 19 years. The fault on the part of the Florida bankers whose institutions were compelled to close was that they put too much confidence in the Georgia bankers. But it is not the tourists and investors who are caught—it is the home folk who are hurt. Because of investments in Florida property, the closings were due to investments made in Florida property. It is another lesson that has been noted and will be made use of in the future.

## NO OIL AT ALFORD CITY

We don't know what Kent Watson is nor do we understand in all details the significance of an editorial in the Miami News headed "Don't Be A Sucker," but if anybody is to be arrested for saying there is no commercially producing oil well at or around Alford City, let us have a hell in the jail adjoining Mr. Watson's.

The Miami News editorial follows: "Kent Watson had to put up a thousand-dollar bond for saying there was no oil in or around Alford City—and there isn't. Any oil found in that vicinity will either be in barrels or have been transported there in barrels or other containers. It is none of our business if anybody wants to invest in oil or lots in oil or around Alford City and other places and they are satisfied the land is worth the price asked, but we are free to state that anyone buying lots anywhere in Florida with the hope he will get big dividends from oil strikes is a sucker and is being played for one."

## BEST STATE ROAD ROUTE

Nothing that can be done anywhere in the state will be of more value to the communities on the eastern shore of Lake Okechobee than the extension of State road No. 29 through Okechobee, Okla. chobee counties, because this will bring about an important extension of a very necessary highway. Argument was made recently in the eastern part of Palm Beach county that Military Trail should be extended through the county to the Martin county line on the south to the Martin county line on the north, and done under a county bond issue, because the Highway, when built, would be inadequate to carry the north and south travel. This argument found strong support and was carried because the time was unimportant for financing. But if the argument is sound it supports the idea that the creation of a mid-state route is highly important and very desirable.

State road No. 29 would connect at Okechobee with the Highway. The use of Corners Highway would then carry the traffic to Canal Point and thence on the new road in special road and bridge district No. 11 to Belle Glade. The wholly practical project of a toll road on the bank of Miami canal from Lake Okechobee to Miami would complete the mid-state route from the Georgia line to Miami.

Florida hasn't enough roads—this state is behind other agricultural states in mileage on the basis of area or population; when the needs of the touring motorists are considered, as illustrated by the Military Trail, the state's roads are markedly short of sufficient.

Commissioners of Everglades drainage district want to utilize the wealth in the district to support its financing for reclamation; nothing will encourage population and wealth for the district more largely or more speedily than a north and south road.

Members of the Legislature representing South Florida should exert themselves for the passage of an act directing the State Road Department to extend state road No. 29, Okechobee and Okla. chobee counties have already done their part and the Palm Beach county part is already taken care of. Neither Dixie Highway or Tamiami Trail, located on the coasts, can serve as many residents of the state and as many prospective settlers and investors as can a mid-state road.

Canal Point is just beginning to grow. The Everglades News is leading the procession; it will be quite a parade when G. A. and L. N. and John J. get in step and live up.

## "MODERATION"—ENFORCED

To the editor of The Bourbon News, the editor of The Tampa Daily Times, to exchanges everywhere, and to the whole coo-eyed world: Gentlemen and fellow-citizens, Salutations!

Also to vegetable buyers, real estate men and freight shippers. There is no prospect whatever that ALL of the Everglades will ever be planted to vegetables. You can tell that in both and publish it in the streets of Askeon.

Over and over and over and over again we hear it said—it has been said since the memory of man, not to the contrary, "You can't plant all of the Everglades to beans and tomatoes!"

Well, nobody wants to do it, nobody ever intended to do it, and it never will be done. So quit worrying.

Get this: On the southern and eastern shores of Lake Okechobee, on the fringe of the lake, there is a temperate zone that permits the production of vegetables, melons, etc. The zone is narrow but well defined. Back of that zone the normal temperature is much lower in winter. All attempts to grow beans and tomatoes in mid-winter back of that zone will prove hazardous, so hazardous that the attempts will not long be persisted in. There will never be a "transformation of the whole of the beautiful and romantic Everglades into a tomato and bean patch."

This very fact makes it certain that the country bordering Lake Okechobee on the south and east will always be exceptionally prosperous—this fact that the area is small and the climate is temperate, the limited area will not produce more beans, tomatoes, peppers, eggplants and similar crops than the markets can absorb.

Were all of the Everglades fit for winter gardening, trucking would not be the attractive industry it is in this limited area now. The moderation that is advised by The Bourbon News of Paris, Ky., is enforced by temperate in winter.

What of the Everglades distant from Lake Okechobee? Frankly we don't know—we don't pretend to know, because the lack of drainage in that portion has left too vast an area untested. We haven't any opinion about it because we don't have an idea as to when the middle Glades will be drained adequately. Suffice unto the day is the evil thereof: what to do with the middle Glades is a problem to be dealt with in its own time. The present condition of the Everglades is that there isn't enough land drained and planted to supply the demand of farmers who want to locate here.

In an article in The Miami Herald of Sunday, dated from Okechobee, the statement is made that the middle Glades county is below the frost line. This statement could properly be put under the heading "Important If True." In another article in the Herald, also dated Okechobee, it is said St. Lucie canal was turned over to The Arundel challenge. This statement would be challenged by the county which has the middle Everglades drainage district as several years ago turned over to H. C. Rowack.

## FOR THE STUDY OF GLADES SOILS

The State Board of Control announces the appointment of Dr. R. V. Allison as soils specialist of the Everglades branch of the Florida Experiment Station, according to a dispatch from Gainesville printed in the columns of this issue. Dr. Allison is a graduate of an Indiana university; he is now in that state. He has a degree from the State University of New Jersey, an institution whose staff has done fine work in the study of soils in which vegetation and has done research work in England and teaching in Cuba. His selection for the position is entirely logical.

The appointment is timely. Complaint and deep regret—almost disgust—was expressed recently by The Everglades News by a man who represents the tremendously large interests in Palm Beach county in the serious and planned study of the soils of the Everglades was being financed under state auspices. The announcement of the appointment of Dr. Allison by the State Board of Control does not wholly overcome the complaint, but it does progress in utilizing the Everglades Experiment Station at Belle Glade but it does meet it in part.

To say that that disdained adoption and execution of a program at the Everglades Station merely states a fact, the station is being run on a promise that floods will be kept out of the future. To say that the organization provided by the Legislature for control of the station is being run to answer the question whether or proper representation of the lack of merit in the control plan was made to the Legislature or the public in order that defects can be corrected.

The State Board of Control seems to have put a good man in a place that needs attention. It is being run by all who are interested in the Everglades that the board will provide him with all of the facilities needful for the best use of his abilities.

The publicity department of the F. E. C. Railway Company isn't putting out anything about the Canal Point-Okechobee extension. It's really doing it for a big story when the little stuff is out of the way.

France has as many cabinets as Palm Beach county has county engineers.

## A KENTUCKY VIEW OF THE EVERGLADES

From The Bourbon News, Paris, Ky.

The assertion of the federal secretary of agriculture that the Everglades should supply America with garden truck is somewhat alarming to persons who have loved Florida as a playground.

If the Everglades should become a truck patch, and if all of the agricultural development of which the soil of Florida is susceptible should be realized, if Florida should become a Belgium in intensive farming, would the state support, at the same time, the glittering cities and gleaming villas its investors have been, these last few years, promoting?

Of course, and by all means, the soil resources of Florida should not be overlooked. There are, nowadays, vast

areas where the climate isn't capital, and the soil isn't capital, and the state should utilize its soil to produce its food, and more food for export than it is producing. But if the Florida that the rest Americans and tantalized the rest Americans be as highly developed as Dr. Jardine says it might be, it simply would be Florida as it now is known and loved.

Moderation in all things is a very good rule, as man can tell. Florida, as it must be, to a certain and reasonable extent forever conserved. Even the transformation of the whole of the beautiful and romantic Everglades into a tomato and bean patch would be considered sorrowfully by many Americans.

## THESE FIGURES SHOW WHAT COSTS ARE OF RUNNING A COUNTY LIKE GLADES

What the costs are of running a small county is set out in the semi-annual report of the finances of Glades county, of which Monroe Haven is the county seat.

Salaries of county officials for a six-month period were: Clerk and clerk of courts as county auditor and clerk to county commissioners, \$990; per cent on mileage, \$1,000; county commissioners, \$1,500; county prosecutor, \$1,500; attorney for commissioners, \$450; supervisor of registration, \$1,500; extra legal services, \$400; janitors and other attendants, \$145.45. In addition to the salaries for the six months period some of the county

officials got fees or commissions as follows in that time: Pay of sheriff for attending meetings of the commission, \$1,000; fees of county assessor, \$1,682.87; commissions to tax collector, \$1,742.31; sheriff, general court work, \$1,607.00; clerk, general court work, \$1,607.00. Miscellaneous items added to the general fund totaled \$93.67.

Glades county is building a court house but until it is completed it rents quarters for the judge and county officials and for public business. The rent for six months was \$1,063 and a repair bill of \$12.15. Light, fuel and water for the six months cost \$10.45. The city of Monroe Haven owns the light and water plants that give service.

## FOLLOW RANDOLPH RECOMMENDATIONS ENLARGE DISTRICT; DRAIN THE GLADES

CAPT. R. E. ROSE.

Tallahassee, Fla., July 23, 1926.

Dear Sir: I read with interest your

article "Precedent Set as Trustees

Adopt Lakeshore Plan" by Thomas

Haven. This, with the letter of the

trustees to Mr. George P. Bennett of

West Palm Beach of March 25, 1926,

as published April 9 in The Everglades

News, adopting a system of progressive

drainage leads me to believe that the

"system" adopted subsequent to

Governor Broward's administration and

recommended by Major Chaney, who

has by experience taught the present

board of trustees that the recommendations

of the Randolph Report and of

Fred C. Elliot, now the best and most

and other experienced and successful

drainage engineers, were correct

and are far the most economical in both

time and money.

The system now being inaugurated—

the deepening and widening of West

Palm Beach canal and the cutting of

the vast watershed south of the Kis-

simmee Valley (by far greater than the

watershed south of Lake Okechobee)

and cutting of Fort Shafter canal will

reclaim and fit for cultivation all

that territory east of the Miami canal,

particularly when the six outlet canals

into the Atlantic ocean are protected

to drain off the rainfall from the ter-

ritory protected by the control of Lake

Okechobee.

When this is accomplished, the con-

clusion of the Randolph Report on page

8, as follows:

"We regard Lake Okechobee as

the key to the solution of the whole

problem. When that great reser-

voir is brought under control and

the territory to the south is saved

from the overflow of the lake, then

the emancipated region can be re-

lieved by adequate main drainage

canals and subsidiary canals whose

construction is now being

expeditiously carried out."

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avenue, the principal business street

of Tallahassee, the other day I was

stopped for a few words of friendly in-

quiry by Mr. Thomas P. Turner, the sec-

retary of the Tallahassee Chamber of

Commerce. This reminds me of a sim-

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about the credit of The Everglades

News as a medium of publicity. It was

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centennial letters which I had written

and which were admitted into the col-

umns of "The Everglades News." The

centennial, then two months away, was

being the means of advertisement of

Tallahassee's one hundred years as the

capital of Florida. Mr. Turner then

halted me on the same busy thorough-

fare to inform me that, judging from

the number and character of the com-

munications he had received, he was

of opinion that The Everglades News

had been the means of awakening in

the Tallahassee community a great

interest in the Tallahassee centennial

in southern Florida from east to west

than any other newspaper in that entire

region. I told him I was as glad to

know and I asked him to let such pub-

licity be given to the Tallahassee

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capacities may be adjusted to meet the needs of the territory which this service.

I fully agree with the trustees that

the drainage area should be extended

to the Atlantic ocean and further that

it should be extended to include the

entire watershed of the Kissimmee

valley as originally established and as

now has a selling value of more

than \$100,000,000," as quoted in full in

my article "Progressive Drainage" as

published in your issue of June 11,

1926.

I strenuously object to introducing

into the problem the aid, and necessary,

the joint control of the United

States authorities. The experience of

the state of Florida and other states

when such work of reclamation (drain-

age or irrigation) is conducted in ac-

cordance with the national authorities

has not been harmonious and results

have not been satisfactory.

I quite agree with the suggestion

that the entire state should have a

reasonable, general drainage tax; and

that the particular area should have an

extra tax. The entire state will be

enormously benefitted in increased

value of the reclaimed land and greater

general revenue therefrom.

Yours truly,

R. E. ROSE.

## CORRESPONDENCE

By THOMAS HUNTER.

TALLAHASSEE, July 23.—The

tracing paths of the lake shore of sec-

tions 13 and 18, Pahokee, which were

sent to the county building of West

Palm Beach for record are not yet re-

ceived as recorded. Until the land

division of the department of agricul-

ture is informed of the plat book num-

ber and page number of the records,

the next step in the transfer cannot be

taken. That next step will be the

notifying of the buyers of the state's

readiness to receive their payments.

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statistician, Roger W. Babson. Babson, who has traveled much around recently will generally agree with Mr. Babson in the following statement and prophecy which I take from that introduction: "Florida is growing at a greater rate today than ever before in its history. 1926 will record more new homes built, greater railroad earnings, larger check transactions, higher population figures, more land under cultivation, and increasing industrial activity compared with 1925."

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Under Section 77 of the Revised Gen-

eral Statutes of Florida. Notice is hereby given that C. M. Parnell, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 6078, dated the 1st day of August A. D. 1921, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lots 10 and 11. Block 33, Town of Lake Worth, as recorded in Plat Book 2 pages 29 to 40 inc. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of said certificate in the name of Palm Beach Farms Co. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 31st day of July, A. D. 1926. Witness my official signature and seal this 18th day of June, A. D. 1926.

(Seal) Fred E. Femo,  
Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach  
County, Florida.

Last publication July 30, 1926.

## PALM BOAT &amp; BUS LINE SCHEDULE

8 1/2-HOUR SERVICE

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11:45 a.m. Chosen 4:30 p.m.

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(30 minutes at Clewiston for lunch)

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3:45 p.m. LaBelle 11:45 a.m.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

West Palm Beach, Fla., June 20, 1926.

The 17-foot lake level subject will not down and has not been down (so far as I have been able to ascertain from persons who suggest that it has) the last five years. Notwithstanding the I. I. Board on April 21, 1921, made an earnest appeal to the war department for permission to lower the level 14 feet instead of 16 feet required by that department. The board urged a revision of the 16-foot level on the grounds of danger to navigation and authorized F. C. Elliot to go to Washington and get the order modified, which modification was granted. Mr. Hunter will confer a great favor on the Everglades land owners if he will ascertain and inform them through The Everglades News the real reason for the lake level being "reduced" upward to a 17-foot level.

Now as to the very interesting article in The Everglades News of July 9, by Mr. Hunter, assisted by Hon. J. B. Johnson, attorney general for the state of Florida.

I want to agree with some things each said in this article and hope I may be pardoned if I disagree with much that both said in that said article.

We are discussing navigable waters and riparian rights on Lake Okechobee. I am in general agreement with General Johnson as to our common lake riparian rights. I can only partially agree with him that the state owns the bed of Lake Okechobee and shore to high water mark—they really hold it in trust for the benefit of the whole people, not for sale, barter or trade, or reduction to several or individual ownership. See 47 So. Reporter p. 353.

General Johnson says "that the state of Florida is not willing to recognize that kind of riparian rights that would give to every lake shore owner a hypothetical ownership of lake bottom land, wedged shaped areas extending 15 miles out to the center of the lake." This is an assumption on the part of General Johnson, as I know of no one asking such. How does General Johnson or any one know what the state recognizes in this matter? The state, which means the people has never been given a chance to express themselves on this subject of riparian rights. General Johnson well knows that such rights could not be brought about on the navigable waters of Lake Okechobee, where the federal government has control. Had General Johnson applied this to non-navigable lakes that might be drained it might have had some merit.

I also agree with General Johnson on the legislative act of 1921, Chapter 8327, giving special privileges to riparian owners, on tide waters and may go further than he and commend the legislature for doing simple justice to her citizens along tide waters; however this discriminates against citizens living on fresh water.

May I be pardoned for asking General Johnson at this point if he believes that all citizens of the state should be accorded the same rights and privileges? If he does so believe, would he be willing to recommend the next legislature to pass a riparian right bill giving the same rights and privileges to those on fresh water as the 1921 legislature gave to owners on tide waters? And in so doing safeguard the state interest in overflowed and low swamp lands.

The statement "that the 1919 legislature authorized the I. I. Board to sell reclaimed lake bottom land" must have been fatter to the thought. RECLAIMED LAKE BOTTOM LAND is not mentioned in this act, if I can read English correct.

I am quite sure he did not mean to mislead or deceive by this statement, but he evidently has not read this act and if he has read it in his memory failed him.

Further, as to the 1919 legislative act, I am now applying it to a single fractional township, on the eastern shore of Lake Okechobee, as I am quite familiar in detail with said fractional township, and the same rights might not apply to other land, bordering the lake, with which I am not familiar. I refer to fractional township 41 south, range 37 east. The north line

was surveyed and established by the U. S. Reys, deputy surveyor for the U. S. government, in 1854, by starting at the northeast corner of said township, thence west on the township line to Lake Okechobee, not to high water, but to the shore, but to the lake, making the water the west line. The east and south lines were run in 1855 and subdivided at that time.

First, the 1919 legislative act does not apply to this fractional township and does not intend to apply to, such shore line.

Section 1 of this act refers to low wet marsh land and this fractional township has a firm high sandy beach extending from the ridge across the meander line, several hundred feet out in the lake.

Section 2 of this act, if it did apply, would compel you to buy what property belongs to the abutting property owner or forfeit your water rights to some outside purchaser.

Section 3 of this act provides that nothing in this act contained shall be construed as in anywise affecting the riparian rights, now heretofore existing under the laws of this state, but it is expressly provided that the provisions hereof shall apply only to such lands as the department of the interior has declined to convey to the state.

This specific land in township 41 south and range 37 east was conveyed to the state of Florida by act of congress in 1850 and the government in 1851 sent their surveyor out and located exactly what they conveyed in this particular fractional township, hence the 1919 legislative act in no way applies or has any degree of logical reasoning apply to the shore or beach land in said township.

As to abutting property owners' claims to the sandy beach land in said township, built up by action of the waters of Lake Okechobee extending from the meander line to the lake, I will cite 82 So. Reporter, constitutional law, Sec. 8, page 222.

94 So. Reporter, Syllabus of the Supreme Court of Florida, in the Goodno case, sections 2, 6, 8, page 672, sections 1, 4, 8, 9, page 675.

I am somewhat at a loss to know just where General Johnson left off in his article, just where Mr. Hunter commences; however, I feel quite sure each will pardon me if I have failed to distinguish or separate their article properly.

I take the following to be the language of Mr. Hunter: "From all this it appears that we, the present buyers, MUST content ourselves with so much lake bottom land as we can buy by the acre from the state."

I cannot subscribe to Mr. Hunter's claims in this proposition, establish to the shore line NOW BEING ESTABLISHED around Lake Okechobee. By what method is this being established and by what authority and by whom?

Will he kindly furnish detailed information on this new process in his next article to The Everglades News. It will be much appreciated by all shore owners around the lake.

He says "the state can give no pledge, but we have grounds to entertain the hope for the last eight or ten years, that prior to the installing the locks the lake had a much lower level than the wide margin around the lake high and dry and was cleared and farmed, especially this so along the shoreline of section 27, township 41, range 37, where heavy growth of grass, weeds, willows and alders were cleared off and the land put in cultivation for a distance beyond the meander line of from 250 to 400 feet. Several blocks of this was planted to grass, fenced and pastured. This was commenced in 1917 and kept up for several years, until the heavy rains set in and the beneficent installation of the locks were fully doing their duty (7)."

Now talk about surveying these lake lands and placing them on the market under the 1919 legislative act, as low wet marsh lands, the facts were and that these beach lands are and were high sandy firm land and does not come under the 1919 legislative act and if they did the state instead of draining them has flooded a considerable part of them by the policy they have pursued.

Since General Johnson, in The Everglades News of July 9th, gave a very explicit explanation of our riparian rights; would he now be kind enough to tell us riparian right owners around Lake Okechobee just where our rights begin and just where they leave off, as regards the 17-foot lake level.

Also when the lake is lowered to 14 feet where the I. I. Board say it is imperative to successfully carry out the drainage project, which will create a new lake level and necessarily a new shore line, in that event, where will our riparian rights begin and where will they leave off? And this creates another very interesting and important subject: Who will own the strip of land uncovered by lowering the lake three feet, which will leave a strip of land from approximately 150 feet to 200 feet wide—the state or the abutting property owners?

And what effect will this have on those who may have bought to the 17-foot lake level?

We hope General Johnson will not think these pertinent questions, because they affect many citizens of the state and the citizens have a just and proper right to ask their attorney general for legal opinions that materially affect them.

Hoping General Johnson, at his convenience, will give a detailed reply to this article, through the columns of The Everglades News, so that riparian owners generally, may become more fully acquainted with their inherent rights.

Everglades land owners should wake up and proceed to protect their rights.

L. N. SIMON.

I am sure many of the land owners around the lake would like to know why the lake level was not made 14 feet where the I. I. Board intended or advised to fix the mean level to successfully carry out the drainage plan and which would cause many of the shore line owners to be in a very bad position. This situation to those of us who are not in contact with the I. I. Board and their working plans that necessarily are constantly changing and we are sure you can from time to time furnish us very valuable information, which will be very much appreciated.

You say "other CONSIDERATIONS" entered in the fixing of the 17-foot lake level." Perhaps an explanation of these might clear the mystery. By all means explain "OTHER CONSIDERATIONS."

The privileges hinted or suggested, providing we buy to the 17-foot lake level, are not sufficiently clear for comment.

Now as to the stated policy of the I. I. Board, "not to keep the lake too high or too low," is mostly theory and practically a failure so far as keeping the lake down, as every farmer around the lake will attest to his sorrow.

I am wondering if the high level maintained in the lake has anything to do, or connection with, that official act of 1924 separating the official lake waters from the official land.

I am well aware that in the past four years we have had unusual and excessive rains, which caused a high lake level and the locks were necessarily kept closed to prevent the flooding of crops; but when the crops were harvested, why not the locks opened to lower the lake level and provide a basin to store the flood waters when they came?

I have been asked this question many times and have been asked the same question by many, with no satisfactory explanation, or knowledge of why things were thus.

We have the same conditions today and have had for months and years and now that mysterious 17-foot level bobs up and we are again why the revision was not downward to the 14-foot level, where our I. I. Board represented to the War Department that it was imperative at once in 1921, yet it has been lowered upward to the 17-foot level. This episode bids fair to become as famous as the noted tariff bill some years ago that was revised upward.

A state official based the right to sell these lake shore lands on the grounds that the state had drained them—that means the people.

Wrong again, the Everglades land owners have been and are draining them as they can easily be seen by their tax receipts and now it is proposed to sell to a private party for the benefit of all the people in the state. Is that justice or equity? Will you asking that this be done? Not the people at large.

Talk about uncovering these shore lands and Lake Okechobee as giving a right to sell them when the facts are and every one who is and has been familiar with conditions around the lake for the last eight or ten years, knows that prior to the installing the locks the lake had a much lower level than the wide margin around the lake high and dry and was cleared and farmed, especially this so along the shoreline of section 27, township 41, range 37, where heavy growth of grass, weeds, willows and alders were cleared off and the land put in cultivation for a distance beyond the meander line of from 250 to 400 feet. Several blocks of this was planted to grass, fenced and pastured. This was commenced in 1917 and kept up for several years, until the heavy rains set in and the beneficent installation of the locks were fully doing their duty (7).

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Since General Johnson, in The Everglades News of July 9th, gave a very explicit explanation of our riparian rights; would he now be kind enough to tell us riparian right owners around Lake Okechobee just where our rights begin and just where they leave off, as regards the 17-foot lake level.

Also when the lake is lowered to 14 feet where the I. I. Board say it is imperative to successfully carry out the drainage project, which will create a new lake level and necessarily a new shore line, in that event, where will our riparian rights begin and where will they leave off? And this creates another very interesting and important subject: Who will own the strip of land uncovered by lowering the lake three feet, which will leave a strip of land from approximately 150 feet to 200 feet wide—the state or the abutting property owners?

And what effect will this have on those who may have bought to the 17-foot lake level?

We hope General Johnson will not think these pertinent questions, because they affect many citizens of the state and the citizens have a just and proper right to ask their attorney general for legal opinions that materially affect them.

Hoping General Johnson, at his convenience, will give a detailed reply to this article, through the columns of The Everglades News, so that riparian owners generally, may become more fully acquainted with their inherent rights.

Everglades land owners should wake up and proceed to protect their rights.

L. N. SIMON.

## CALLERS

A. R. Jenks of West Acton, Mass., spent Sunday on East Beach looking over the country and making inquiries about it. He had met Dr. F. G. Schwarz of West Palm Beach up in New England and Dr. Schwarz had told him about sections 9 and 17, which are to be subdivided and developed in small farms and he came down here the worst possible season to see the property, with a view to taking one of the farms. Mr. Jenks is an expert in horticulture, he has been a county agent and is now in the poultry business. He called at the office of The Everglades News Sunday afternoon without appointment when the editor was making a nap after a long motor trip and he did not get much information from this source but the \$2.50 he left for a year's subscription indicates he is genuinely interested in the country and desirous of keeping informed on what's going on.

## NOTICE

Registration for General Election to be held Nov. 2, 1926.

The County Registration Books will be open in the office of the Supervisor of Registration, Room 7, in the County Court House on Monday, the 2nd day of August, 1926. All persons who are qualified to register may do so by coming to the Supervisor's office.

The books will be open in the different County Precincts the first Monday of September, 1926.

202 Supervisor J. L. CRIER, Registration.

Having lived and farmed in the Glades for five years I know where the best land is. Get in touch with me before buying elsewhere. I will treat you square.—F. H. Friedman, Licensed Broker, Chosen, Fla.

## PAHOKEE M. E. CHURCH

Everybody come to Sunday school and church at Pahokee each Sabbath. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. The stand will be occupied by Rev. Tiffin, Rev. Shive or occasionally an extra.

## PAHOKEE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school, 10 a. m. Preaching, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

EARL LEWIS, Pastor.

I have for sale good farm tracts for trucking near Lake Okechobee. Get in touch with me before you buy elsewhere.—F. H. Friedman, Licensed Broker, Chosen, Fla.

## WANT ADS

Minimum per issue, 25 cents:

FOR SALE—6-acre improved farm; three miles south of Canal Point. Address box 64, Canal Point, Fla. 214

WANTED—A man to handle truck farm; must have several years' experience in Florida farming.—P. O. box 911, Okechobee, Fla. 203\*

FOR RENT—The north half of section 25, located in the east half of Canal Point, all good elderly and well land, one hundred acres has been cleared and farmed. The uncleared land is easy to clear ready for cultivation. For terms write F. J. Watkins, owner, 531 Hibiscus street, West Palm Beach, Fla. 204

FOR SALE—Beautiful farm tracts fronting on cross-state highway, also some with canal from close to good schools and churches. Get in touch with me if you wish good truck land.—F. H. Friedman, Licensed Broker, Chosen, Fla.

FOR SALE—Twenty acres excellent farm land east half of southeast quarter of southeast quarter of section 33, township 43, range 37, on border of cutstard apple near lake. Will sell at exceptionally low price. Land can be farmed now. Write to owner, care of The Everglades News, Canal Point, Fla. 71\*

FOR LEASE—About 25 acres cleared cutstard apple land and about 25 acres uncleared cutstard apple land at Canal Point.—L. N. Simon, 338 1/2 Clematis Avenue, West Palm Beach, Fla. 151\*

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### CANAL POINT

Mrs. R. L. Roberts, who was Miss Clara Williams, was the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. R. T. Roberts. Her husband and her brother O'Neal are working on excavating machines at Stuart. She says her father and mother are due to return this week from a vacation stay in Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tedder and Miss Fred Giger returned Friday of last week from their visit to relatives and friends at their old home in Georgia.

H. B. Buchanan of Blakely, Ga., who had visited Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Buchanan, has gone back home. He did not have good luck fishing on this trip so he went back home. His son Henry accompanied him.

J. H. Snyder, who lives north of town, is ill at the home of his daughter, Miss Emma Snyder, in Northwest, West Palm Beach. He has been there for three weeks. Mr. Snyder is upward of 80 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Pope left Saturday for Georgia, driving through and having Glenwood as their destination. They expected to be away about two weeks.

How the produce dealers get rid of all the vegetables that come in to them in New York City was the thing W. H. Vann remarked upon during his stay in this city recently. He returned to Canal Point Thursday morning, driving in from West Palm Beach in the same Buick car he left here in two months ago. From Canal Point he had gone to Georgia to work in the peach deal. Later he went north with Fred J. Taylor, whose home is at Ripley, N. Y., and with Fred visited several northern cities. Mr. Vann has reopened the office of the Everglades Realty Company and will resume the buying and selling of lots and farm tracts.

A real omnibus passed through Canal Point Thursday morning, en route from the east coast northward. Its only oc-

cupants were two drivers in uniform. The bus had seats on top in the English and Fifth avenue fashion.

Not all of the colored people went north for vacations. A hundred more put in their time on the lake seat of the railroad grade, comfortably seated and in languid contemplation of fishing lines.

### PEOPLE WE KNOW

Rev. J. C. Calhoun, being on a visit to Tyler, Texas, his old home, his appointments at Sherman Mill and Indiantown are being filled by Rev. F. L. Crowson.

The report that Isaac T. Cook of Clewiston was drowned at an ocean beach resort in Maine was wrong. It was another Mr. Cook.

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### BODIES MOVED FROM ROAD

The bodies of three colored persons, a woman and two children, were unearthed Monday from a place on the Pahokee road and taken to West Palm Beach for reinterment. The bodies were buried several years ago on the ridge, where the new route crosses the railroad. A colored undertaker from West Palm Beach disinterred the bodies, assisted by colored employees of Bryan & Holloway.

### COMMUNITY GOSSIP

More persons come into the Everglades because they have relatives here than through any other cause. One of the other reasons being subordination of real estate men are most effective when directed to persons who have relatives here. This is a hint to developers—or to such developers as want to get settlers. I was working on this clue when Guy Sharon put the idea into words.

Here is one of the evidences that this idea is right: W. G. Todd, the brigadier at Canal Point, who has lived near Pahokee, was originally from South Carolina, going from there to Mississippi. I didn't inquire how come he went to Mississippi or then move to Florida, but move to Florida he and his family did in 1914, stopping at Plant City and later moving to East Beach.

Mr. Todd's coming to East Beach is causing the establishment of quite a colony of Mississippians here. His son, C. M., now the mayor of Pahokee, was a member of the family that came to Florida from Kinston, Miss. R. E. (Earl) Smith, a son-in-law of W. G. Todd, is from McLain, Miss. Earl's brother Ira L. Smith comes from Avera, Miss. He is the father of Mrs. J. W. Crutthick, whose husband J. W. Crutthick is an employee at the Canal Point Garage. Homer Swinfield, a Mississippian, married a daughter of Ira L. Smith, and he is here on East Beach. O. W. Smith, a nephew of Ira, came to East Beach from Avera; he has gone back to Mississippi but will return to East Beach. Mrs. Ella Crutthick, mother of J. W. and Cleve, came to Florida from Hattiesburg, Miss.

This is not a complete enumeration of the Todd and Smith and Crutthick clans but it shows how when one family gets located here other members come. If their relatives can write back to the old home and report that things are going well with them.

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### M. E. CHURCH NOTES

The evening service Sunday was under the auspices of the Epworth League. Rev. Paul C. Filly made a short address at the close of the league meeting. After the devotional services were over the election of officers was held, with the following officers elected: President, J. H. Mayo; vice presidents, Grady Rahorn, Miss Helen Bonham; secretary, Mrs. Ruth White; treasurer, W. J. Marsh. Miss Helen Bonham will be the leader next Sunday. An invitation is extended to all those who have no other church affiliation.

The circulating library is proving most popular, a number of new books, especially for children, have been donated through the efforts of Mrs. M. M. North of Herndon, Va., the mother of Mrs. Filly.

A beautiful silk flag has been presented to the church by the Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps, for use during services, and a large bunting flag for outdoors has been received from the National Relief Corps. M. H. Stoff of the local lumber firm has donated the staff for the latter flag. A special service will be held shortly for a formal presentation of these flags to the church, when the Boy Scouts will assist in the presentation.

A class for women has been organized in the Sunday school with Mrs. W. R. Bonham as the teacher. Mrs. Bonham was the teacher of such a class in Lake Worth before coming here to live. She started her class there with eight members and when she left it there were eighty-five members. We want every woman in Canal Point who does not attend Sunday school to come to hear Mrs. Bonham teach.

A Junior Epworth League will be organized on Friday of this week at the church, at 4 o'clock. It is hoped that all the children of the Sunday school will come and bring their little friends with them.

The usual church services will be held: Sunday school at 10 a. m.; preaching service at 11 a. m. Epworth League 8 p. m. with a short address by the pastor.

Wednesday 8 to 8:30 p. m., prayer meeting; choir practice, Friday 8:30 p. m.

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ON PAHOKEE ROAD

### CRAZY WITH THE HEAT!

The Town Grouch, from his throne, the bench in front of Charlie and John's Lakeview Inn, was talking:

"Why don't the government do something useful instead of frittering away the taxpayers' money on a lot of flumadoodles? Now, there's that building up the road, two of them; for the cane-testing station. What's going to be done with this that will help us fellows around here? What do we care about sugar cane? I drink my liquor straight; I don't want no sugar in my coffee. Sugar hurts the teeth—all the doctors know that."

"If the government experts want to be useful why don't they cross a grasshopper with something and breed a strain of insects that will eat the cane weeds instead of vegetables? That's what I want to know."

When one of the supporters to the noble grand informed him that Tony Hansen was feeding his cows milkweeds, the Town Grouch said: "Now, there's some sense to that."

### Fishing Season Near; Overhaul Boats, Nets

By fixing up their boats and nets fishermen all around Lake Okechobee are preparing for resumption of fishing on a commercial basis when the season opens in September. The preparations are most marked at Okechobee, which has long been the center of freshwater fishing operations and where there are four fish packing houses. There are two fish houses at Moore Haven. Small lot express boats have been made this summer from Clewiston of fish caught in manner that does not violate the law.

Although big preparations are being made for the fishing season on Lake Okechobee, old-time fishermen who live in Canal Point and Pahokee do not expect the season to be a good one. They say the fish are not in the lake in the numbers they used to be, and, moreover, the high stage of the lake will make it hard to catch the fish.

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Fashion has decreed that the fashionable girl of 1927 shall be plump! The fundamentalists have a right to say that if there is anything to evolution, the woman of the future will have the adaptability of an accordion.

## Pat's Place

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MRS. BELLE THOMAS MARRIED  
Mrs. Belle Thomas of Canal Point, was married at Fort Pierce last week, according to reports received here. The name of her husband was not learned. The couple are on a motor trip to Georgia and North Carolina. It is understood they will live in Fort Pierce.

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## Through South Florida

### THE COUNTY

(West Palm Beach, County Seat)

It's summer and things are supposed to be dull, but the buildings for which permits were taken out at Lake Worth in 20 days of July will cost \$120,000. That's equal to twenty \$6,000 houses.

Registration books for the general election in November will be open at the court house Monday, August 2, and will remain open all that month. The books will be sent to the several precincts on Monday, September 6. The election will be on November 2.

Labor unions at Lake Worth have appointed committees to direct the annual Labor Day celebration.

Erection is under way of the Merrill apartment hotel on Worth avenue, Palm Beach, near Ocean boulevard. It will cost \$60,000.

Contract for a two-room school building at Boca Raton was let to Cramer & Cramer at \$6,698.

A one hundred thousand dollar bond issue was voted in Jupiter district there. In the election there on a rainy day, 44 votes were cast for the proposition and 6 against.

When Noble Warren, 18-years old, of Delray, reached into a motor truck for a rifle the weapon was discharged. A bullet went through his wrist and into his left lung.

A retail merchants' section of the Delray Chamber of Commerce has been organized.

Stockholders of the Delray Bank & Trust Company will assume the loss the bank sustained and subscribe for the stock of a new institution.

Depositors will not lose any money but they will have to agree to let their deposits stay in the new bank until collections have been made on the bank's loans.

County Engineer Boyd has made an inspection of the county poor farm and the site of the detention home for delinquent children.

A public market run on the curb plan and located opposite the county poor farm in Lake Worth, will have to pay an occupation license tax even if it is operated by the Lake Worth Growers and Producers Association, the city commission has held.

The county school board has arranged to borrow \$100,000 through Spitzer, Horvick & Company of Toledo, Ohio.

The Oliver Motor Company of West Palm Beach has opened a branch in Lake Worth. It also has a branch in Okeechobee.

The Palm Beach Gas Company has extended its service to Lake Worth.

### SOUTH FLORIDA

At a meeting of the board of county commissioners of Hardee county and a committee of the Wauchula Chamber of Commerce it was definitely decided to form a Hardee County Chamber of Commerce. The action of the county commissioners in appropriating a sum of three mills tax for publicity, purposes brought about the action.

The Postal Telegraph company will extend its lines to Fort Myers this fall.

Tampa is to send out a good will expedition. A boat of the Collier line will be used by the members of the Tampa board who make the trip.

Section houses are being built by the Seaboard All-Florida Railway Company at the point where the railroad crosses Tamiami Trail north of the river in North Fort Myers.

A Hillsborough county grand jury condemned the court house and recommended the erection of a new structure on the same site. The proposed building would cost a million and a half.

The Wauchula Realty Board strongly resented the statements of Commissioner of Agriculture N. Mayo on 5 and 10-acre farms in Florida, and it was decided to write Mr. Mayo a letter of protest. Members of the board said Mr. Mayo's statement might ap-

ply to the northern and western sections of the state, but they were not applicable to Hardee county.

Jersey and Holstein cows are being shipped to Brighton, on state road 8 west of Okeechobee, in preparation for the winter season demand for milk. Clifton B. Glaze, a minister at Fort Myers, is suing his wife, Lula B. Glaze, for divorce. She lives at LaFayette, Ga., and refuses to join him at Fort Myers.

### THE STATE

A specially prepared Florida resource map, eight feet wide and eight feet high, will be one of the attractions at the Missouri state fair, to be held at Sedalia, Mo., August 14-21, according to an announcement at the bureau of immigration, State Department of Agriculture. The map, Phil S. Taylor, advertising editor, stated, will cover all the natural resources of the state, including phosphate beds, timber areas and the Everglades.

The state board of pardons will hold its final meeting of the year September 14, at Mrs. Beattie Gibbs Porter, the secretary, again requests that all who contemplate asking for clemency for state prisoners, send in their applications immediately.

April 5 to 8 has been set as the dates for the Confederate Veterans reunion which will be held in Tampa.

Dickson & Trunkett of Mount Dora shipped a car load of grapes to Baltimore from Montverde. The car held 955 crates of Beacon, Wapumka and Carman varieties. The shipment was made in a refrigerator car and the grapes were wrapped and packed.

### THE COUNTY SEAT

(West Palm Beach)

J. C. Kimmeling is the official caller of weights and measures. On Monday and Tuesday, July 26 and 27, he adjusted without charge scales brought to his office.

Water rates and other items in household budgets were discussed at a meeting held in Kettler Theater Wednesday forenoon under the auspices of the League of Women Voters.

Rev. A. G. Lyons, pastor of the Congregational church, has returned from a vacation spent in New Hampshire.

The Southern Baking Company will erect a bakery that will cost \$300,000.

Contracts for over three million dollars worth of street cover work were awarded by the city commissioners.

The Palm Beach Ministerial Association has invited Gypsy Smith to come to West Palm Beach and hold a revival.

### SUMMER FARMING DONE ON OKEECHOBEE PRISON LAND

OKEECHOBEE, July 25.—People who are doing a little summer farming on the Okeechobee prison farm about three miles southeast of this city. The farm, south, reached by going out the Sherman mill road about one and a half miles and turning south.

J. W. Wall has charge of the prison building and the ten-acre farm. On the farm he has a patch of fine corn as well as a variety of other vegetables. You will find there tomatoes, peppers, squash, sweet potatoes, field peas, etc., all in good shape. The produce from the farm goes a long way toward reducing the expenses of feeding the prisoners.

Mr. Wall has the land in good shape and when the crops are off it will be ready for fall and winter crops. He is growing something growing on it with which to feed the prisoners 12 months in the year.

There is a fine pen of hogs, one of which is killed each Saturday, providing fresh meat for the prisoners, while he is beginning to raise chickens. It is an ideal prison and a very fine farm.

### Trace "Teetotales" to Top Used in Gambling

Perhaps you have seen the little "put-or-take" tops for purposes of petty gambling. They are not new, for they used to be called "teetotums." A teetotum has four sides, and each side had a letter to signify the disposition of the gambling stakes should this side fall upward—"A" for after, meaning to take away; "D" for de-pon, meaning to put down; "N" for nihil, meaning nothing; and the most important of the four symbols, "T" for totum, meaning all (them, the whole, etc.). The top thus took its name, "teetotum," from the most coveted side upon it.

It is an easy transition from "teetotum" to "teetotaler," for the latter word may have been influenced by the "form of teetotum." "Teetotaler" has "total" for its basic element, and was expanded to "teetotal" by a "playful elaboration"—that is, by repeating the initial letter for emphasis.

The original phrase, in an anti-alcoholic sense, was "total abstainer," and this was given the nickname of "teetotaler" by Dr. Preston, an abettor for the temperance workingmen in 1833, when he spoke of "teetotal" abstinence from intoxicating beverages, of course the expression was probably colloquial before he so used it, but he may be said to have established its significance permanently.—The Mentor Magazine.

### Cycle of Collecting

#### From Cradle to Grave

The seven years of his life he collected insects, aculeates, beetles, abrasions, freckles, the fidgets, curiosity, vitality and dirt.

At the age of eight he collected beetles, spiders, locusts, a boot or, live eel, a grater snake and a remonstrance family.

At ten he collected climbable trees, falls, assorted lumber, the neighbors, ill-will, a gang, black eyes, a bicycle, poison ivy, his father's pipe and a sudden nausea.

At twelve he collected a broken leg, a sweetheart, and a suspicion that all was not well with the universe.

From thirteen to eighteen he collected other countries, obscure dreams, and two pen schools with all appointments and regiments.

At twenty-four years he collected a college, friendships, autographed champagne bottles, headaches, romantic moments, a heart broken in four places, and a certainty that something was wrong with the universe.

At thirty-one he collected himself, not enough money and a wife.

A few minutes ago he collected alphabet blocks, parts of mechanical toys, rubber balls, a car, a duck, a monkey, and a dollar watch, and rolled them in the corner for the night.—Kansas City Courier.

### From a West Window

"We have a liking for a house that faces the west," said E. K. Kelly, in the Garden City (Ga.) Herald, and he gives his reasons, as follows:

"Last frosts may have their advantages, but with the coming of twilight there is a feeling that a happy or a contented day has ended all too soon. To sit on an east porch in the twilight is for those to enjoy who live in memories; but the home that faces the sunset has about it a pervading atmosphere of youth and hope. The falling sunset light and the slow coming night shortens the hours of darkness for one who is full of the joy of living. And, too, however prosaic or even sordid the events of the day have been, almost any evening the soul may be exalted as nature paints her cloud pictures above the western horizon."

### Founder of Quebec

A beautiful monument to Samuel De Champlain, the French navigator who founded Quebec in 1608, has been erected on the shore of Lake Couchiching at Orillia, Ont. That town is near the site of Cahigue, the village of the Huron Indians, where the great explorer passed the fall and winter of 1615. The monument is erected to mark the spot where the white race first entered what is now the province of Ontario, and to serve as a "symbol of good will between the French and English-speaking people of Canada." It was not many years ago that another memorial to De Champlain was erected on the shore of the beautiful lake that bears his name, at Crown Point, N. Y.

### Familial Line

Just a short time ago they put a new warden into San Quentin and on almost his first day on the job one of the prisoners extended him a slight courtesy which quite delighted the newcomer.

The prisoner happened to be 1896, but when the warden said, "What's your number, my man?" the answer was:

"I never can get it right. It's either 1896, 1898 or 1897."

"My goodness!" exclaimed the warden, "you must have been a telephone operator."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

### His Belief

"Ah, doctor!" greeted Mrs. Piffle-glider. "I should like to ask you a question."

"As many as you like, my dear madam," gallantly replied old Doctor Pillsbury.

"Well, then, doctor, is profanity equal to medicine for the treatment of rheumatism? My husband seems to think it is."—Kansas City Star.

### Rubber Important in Destinies of Nations

Almost from the hour when Columbus, the first European to see rubber, observed it used as a plaything by the Indians, who bounced it back and forth—hence the original name of India rubber—the substance has been bound up in romance and fiscal ad-

venture, writes Isaac F. Marcossion in the Saturday Evening Post.

In every sense it is another black goldmine, because it has affected the economic destiny of nations and individuals.

It was not until the discovery of vulcanization in 1839 by Charles Good-year, a Connecticut farmer and merchant, that the commercial era of rubber began. It is worth noting that Good-year's only reference to tires was a suggestion that they might be used to lessen the noise of barrows used for wheeling luggage at railway stations.

Rubber got its name in business because it was originally used to rub out pencil marks. In London half a century ago the price of rubber was the highest of 75 cents. This is said to be the highest known price recorded for raw rubber.

### Universities Have Long and Glorious Records

The university, in the modern sense, dates to the Twelfth and Thirteenth centuries as an outgrowth of earlier schools in connection with cathedrals and monasteries. This despite the fact that a number of European universities have legends carrying their origin considerably farther back—as for instance Oxford, whose tradition is that it was founded by King Alfred about 872.

Oxford dates, however, to early in the Twelfth century. The university of Paris and Bologna, which exercised the greatest influence upon the later institutions, were founded about 1200. The oldest Spanish university is that of Salamanca, dating to 1200. The earliest Italian universities, besides Bologna, were Padua, 1222; Naples, 1224; Genoa, 1235; and Perugia, 1238. About ten others were founded in that country before 1550, and Italy was the first to establish a university for the higher education during those times.

The University of Prague was established in 1258; the first college at the University of Oxford was founded by Jagiello, in Cracow, Poland, in 1391. The University of Copenhagen dates to 1479, and of Edinburgh to 1582.

### Old Travel Maps

Moribund who use the ingenious strip maps of today, which are a cross between a map and a picture, probably imagine that this idea is an extremely modern thing, invented in response to an equally modern demand, says the Wall Street Journal. But one user thereof was stated the other day on coming across an exactly identical treatment of important highways in Great Britain, dating back some two or three hundred years. Instead of being in any wise crude or incomplete, the older strip maps were more detailed and explicit than the modern. Each milepost was indicated by figures and landmarks along the route were noted in such useful phrases as: "A large stone in 'an oak tree.' 'Narrow gate into a meadow,' etc. Nor were any of the fens or branch roads omitted.

### Inherited Mentality

According to a new theory on the mode of inheritance of mental traits there are at least five pairs of hereditary characters that have to do with the passing on of intelligence. If both parents are persons of high intelligence and possessed of all five pairs of these characters, their children will also average very high. If they are idiots, having none of the pairs of characters, their children also will be idiots. Intermediate conditions representing people of good average intelligence, but not geniuses, will produce a culture of offspring with intelligence, exceptional children, and once in a while also offspring of low mentality.

### Well's Threat Verified

In San Jacinto, Italy, is a courtyard belonging to an old and now ruined mansion, and in this yard is a deep and very ancient well, of which it is said that strange noises resembling groans come from it whenever death threatens one of the great family who once owned the property.

In 1904 such strange sounds came from the well that the neighbors were frightened. Yet nothing happened. The sounds ceased and were believed to be forgotten when news came from America that the last survivor of the old house had died in San Francisco.

### Dutch Improved Cabbage

The cabbage was taken to England from Holland about the year 1510, although it is said that this vegetable was grown in England before that time, but that in that year improved varieties were taken from Holland to England by Sir Arthur Ashley of Dorset. Cabbage was introduced into Scotland by the soldiers of Oliver Cromwell.

### Stars Cast Shadow There

The atmosphere, certain parts of northern Australia is so clear that the stars often cast shadows equal to that of the moon. On the Barkly tableland, in Northern territory, cattle may be seen on hills 30 miles distant, according to a correspondent of the Sydney Bulletin, "a mirage throwing reflections under them, giving the impression of water lying there."

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## WHAT A VISITOR TO SEEDSMEN'S MEET HEARD WHILE BANDS WERE PLAYING

Not suspecting he would write it in longhand, the editor of The Everglades News asked C. B. Savage, representative of the Exotic Gardens of West Palm Beach, to write for publication something of what he saw and heard while in Chicago attending the National Seed Trade Convention.

Mr. Savage's ability for using longhand instead of a Goussier typewriter is that the typewriter is a "draining pump," he says. Following is as nearly what Mr. Savage wrote as the Linotype operator could make it out to be.

"The seedsmen's convention seemed to be one of several conventions at the Hotel Sherman, being sandwiched in on one side by the Loyal Order of Moose and on the other by a convention of druggists.

"However, in spite of the Moose hands and the pill-rollers, not to mention sundry other distinctions and diversions, I got some good information. For example, I heard a talk by Dr. J. J. Zeller, director of the Boyce Thompson Institute of Plant Research, that is of interest to any one interested in specialized agriculture. This institute in Yonkers, N. Y., is doing a great work for American agriculture. Dr. Zeller stated that they are working in Ber-

muda on Luffs and potatoes had been worth the cost of founding the institute to Bermuda planters. I believe it cost Mr. Thompson \$500,000 or thereabout to endow the organization which bears his name. If this can do all that in a little British island, why not invite them down here where there are plenty of problems and lots of territory in which to work these out?

"In traveling around the market garden sections of Chicago with a seed grower who specializes in onion sets, I found out that these truckers are having their troubles. In the first place, the season has been cold, making all their crops late. In the second place, the onion and onion maggots are causing great damage to the producers of onion sets. This means a lot to the Chicago truck gardener for 'sets' are his big money crop. Also, sets may be high for us this fall.

"Seed potato men look for a good supply of sets. Necessary articles usually early frosts hit Maine and other northern producing sections.

"While on the subject of potatoes, I would add that Chicago potato buyers advise Everglades potato growers to ship north not in crates but in barrels or 100-pound bags. Also to establish a brand name and use it on the package.

## OKEEELANTA

ONEELANTA, Fla., July 26.—A few weeks ago A. L. Shealy, veterinarian connected with Everglades experiment station at Belle Glade, paid this vicinity a second official visit in the interest of the dairy and live stock industry. While the Everglades produce an abundance of forage, summer and winter, expert suggestion on how to supply some lacking mineral elements promoting normal gestation, are greatly appreciated. Mr. Shealy was favorably impressed with the milk stock of Grieg and Motherbaugh.

Ed Correll has treated himself to a one-wheel kindle tractor, manufactured in Minneapolis. The use of the implement will lessen much of the hard work incident to trucking.

George Friess, for some time blacksmith at the Brown peanut plantation, and a pioneer settler of our vicinity, shook hands with his many friends over here Sunday. It seems that the periodic attack of wanderlust is responsible for a several months lay off, during which Mr. Casteline, also an experienced blacksmith, will preside over and tend to the peanut farm.

Of the four of our townspeople who left last Friday for a brief stay on the east coast only one, John Anjima, Sr., has returned at this writing. The Blanchettes and George Graham have, evidently, determined on a longer visit. Notice was served on E. J. Cooper last Monday to move the main building of the canal right-of-way which will be used for the hard-surfaced road between Okeelanta and South Bay.

Robert J. Edwards of Washington, D. C., in company with George Graham and John Anjima, Sr., arrived here Sunday evening. Mr. Edwards, who owns several tracts of land in this vicinity, has been a visitor before.

The mystery of mind over matter was most forcefully demonstrated on the day of our primary election. It was an unusually hot morning. The election board reported commented repeatedly on the heat. A sudden whirling sound seemed to cause a perceptible cooling of the atmosphere. "That's the wind," said one of the inspectors. "Why didn't you start that electric fan sooner?" asked the clerk. "Hell, man, that isn't an electric fan; that's my wife running her sewing machine in the other room."

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson from the Littleton on the Miami canal who came to Okeelanta last Thursday for their mail and supplies, report six inches of water on the surface of the land in their vicinity. However, only know how many more years we settlers will have to pay exorbitant taxes for the privilege of being drowned out annually.

No wonder they were early returns from the Illinois primary election for United States senator. The election officers did not trouble to count the ballots; they merely reported the figures that had been agreed upon in advance.

## GEOGRAPHERS OF HUNDRED YEARS AGO KNEW LAKE ONLY AS LAGOON MAYAX

Was there a time when Lake Okechobee was nothing more than a pool or pond, or was it the main-milk lake of a hundred years ago did not know its size and therefore graphed it as a lagoon? Any way, a map of Florida dated 1821 that Robert Kinnon of Miami found some time ago shows it as Lagoon Mayax. He has favored The Everglades News with a copy of the map, a most interesting document. On the whole the Florida peninsula is represented accurately. Charlotte river is shown in the map of 1821 in the relative position it has as Lake Okechobee in recent maps and likewise Caloosahatchee river is shown in proper position. If there were any forts or settlements in South Florida in 1821 they are not shown on that map. The peninsula section was known in those days as "East Florida" and there was St. Augustine, of course, but there was no other settlement on the east coast—be Fort Pierce or Miami, or Key West.

What we know as Loxahatchee slough, and Loxahatchee river, was shown on the 1821 map as Hillsboro river, and

erroneously shown as discharging into the ocean above what is now Stuart. The Hillsboro river is the outlet of Hillsboro canal, which discharges between Boca Raton and Deerfield. As long ago as a hundred years there were two Hillsboro rivers in Florida, the other being the one at Tampa.

Mayax, as given in the old map, was a word of languages of the tribe who inhabited the Florida peninsula before the Seminoles, and it was due to the fact the big lake was first known as Mayax or Mayaxa or Mayaxa that "Port Mayax" was selected as the name of the townsite on St. Lucie. Use of the word has persisted for that long time; there is a Mayaxka river and Lake Mayaxka in Sarasota county and a Mayaxka river known as Mikakka and Mayakka City, and East Mayakka in Manatee county.

An article in The Everglades News of January 30, 1925, related that the first authentic exploration of the shores of Lake Okechobee was made by a writer for Forest and Stream in 1876.

## Only Weak Can Find

### "Refuge" in Suicide

Accounts of suicide in the news are almost always depressing. They lessen one's confidence in the strength of the human spirit. They may arouse pity, it is true, but except in unusual circumstances this is pity based upon a recognition of weakness.

For suicide, speaking generally, is an abject confession of defeat, of complete failure of courage. And it signifies so narrow a vision, so limited an interest, for any man to say that in all the wide world nothing is left for him.

Consider the words Jasper Pettenberg, the Norfolk spy, spoke to George Borrow:

"Life is sweet, brother."

"Do you think so?"

"Think so! There's light and day, brother, both sweet things; sun, moon and stars, brother, all sweet things; there's likewise the wind on the heath. Life is very sweet, brother; who would wish to die?"

"I would wish to die."

"You talk like a gloriole—which is the same as talking like a fool. You're a spy; you would talk with a wish to die, indeed! A Roman spy would wish to live forever!"

"In sickness, Jasper?"

"There's the sun and stars, brother."

"In blindness, Jasper?"

"There's the wind on the heath, brother; if I could only feel that, I would gladly live forever."—San Francisco Chronicle.

## Return to Normalcy

### After the Big Fight

Little Elsiebeth and a friend were playing about the house and having seen the fire apparatus go down the street, thought it would be a lot of fun to play fire. So they shouted "Fire! Fire!" until Elsiebeth's mother came rushing in from the back yard crying, "Where? Where?"

Upon learning that it was all a joke, she sent Elsiebeth to her room, with the admonition never to play that game again, and went to her own room to take a nap.

The quiet was soon broken by a noisy, noisy thump, thump, thump on the stairs and there was Elsiebeth, attired in her best coat and gloves, dragging her doll's trunk down to the front door.

"I'm going to find a lady that wants a little girl," she said determinedly, but finally was persuaded that no one wants a little girl half as much as her own mother.

Cuddled at last in her mother's arms, Elsiebeth sighed contentedly and then said:

"Now you are my own good mother; the big fight is over, so you've got to be my angel."

## Marionettes in History

Puppets belong to the present as to the past. There are some 300 puppet theaters now owing theaters in this country, without counting certain immigrants who present their folk plays in their own language.

In the future, one can only suppose, with Gordon Craig, that the way will be in the past. "The Marionettes," he said: "Barattini are magicians. When a framework of a machine chime one day found by accident hunters in the ruins of a cellar and marveled over, the Barattini will still be alive and kicking."

Why not? They ushered in the earliest civilization. They may bow out the last—George S. Brooks, in the Century Magazine.

## First Atlantic Cable

In July, 1866, the first permanent Atlantic cable was laid from Valentia Bay, Ireland, to Trinity Bay, Newfoundland, and in September of the same year a cable that had been lost in 1865 was recovered and its laying completed. These lines were known as the Anglo-American cable, and were managed by a company of the same name. Messages are transmitted by submarine cable by means of electric currents in much the same way as messages are transmitted by land telegraph lines, but the sending and receiving instruments of the cable are more delicate and more complicated.

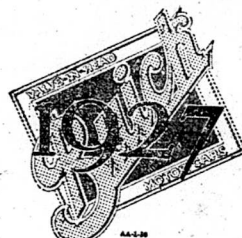
## Discovery an Accident

Charles Goodyear, who discovered the process of vulcanizing rubber, expended all his means in experiments with various mixtures and processes which should remedy the fatal defects of India rubber in its natural state, since it is brittle in cold weather and sticky in warm weather. The great secret of vulcanizing, a process in which the two substances, submitted to a high temperature, are converted into elastic, enduring, hard and cold-resistant material, now in use, was an accidental discovery made by Goodyear while in sending by a stove and accidentally subjecting a mixture of rubber and sulphur to its heat.

## Belief in Toad Stone

W. J. Rolfe in his notes on "An You Like It," says: "Better naturalists than Shakespeare believed in the toad stone, the 'precious jewel' of the text. Pliny, in his 'Secrets Wonders of Nature' (1598), says that 'there is found in the heads of old and great toads, a stone which they call toad stone, and it is most commonly found in the head of a bee toad, of power to replace poisons and that it is a most sovereign medicine for that stone.' Allusions to it are frequent in the literature of that day.

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places between St. Lucie canal and Sand Cut siding was done by Thursday night. Three weeks or a month will be required to get construction back where it was last week.

The three locomotives used in construction of the extension of the railroad southward from Canal Point were caught inside of the washouts and could not get out Wednesday for regular trips to the border with St. Lucie canal from which sand is obtained for fill on the muck grade.

The repair work north of the station is being done by a train that was made up at Okeechobee.

"It isn't the heat—it's the humidity" is the way the Yankees usually explain their bad weather in summer. We trust that during the recent time when people were dropping dead from sunstroke and factories were shutting down, they varied the bromide by reversing it and confessing "It isn't the humidity—it's the heat."

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